GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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INDUSTRIAL SICKNESS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are discussing in detail all aspects of industrial sickness with Trade Union and other Ministries;

(b) the extent to which Government have examined sector-wise sickness;

(c) whether the Government have ignored the increasing trend of unemployment in the Beedi Sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to create more employment in Beedi Sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The Government discussed various aspects of industrial sickness in the 36th Session of the Indian Labour conference held on 10th April, 2000. The different industries/ Sectors affected by industrial sickness were also discussed during this session. The Reserve Bank of India has been compiling data and examining industrial sickness in the Small Scale Industries and Non Small Scale Industries Sector on an annual basis.

(c): As per the latest information available with the Government, employment in bidi sector has increased continuously since 1989-90.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): While formulating policy on excise exemptions/ concessions to beedi sector, foreign direct investment (FDI)to multinational in cigaratte making, etc. the Government has been taking a balanced view to ensure that growth to employment in the beedi sector is maintained.